CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: asian-movie-03.mpg

Other known title(s): Asian Movie 03

OFLC ref: 0901023.000

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: The District Court at Manukau

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 17 August 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	asian-movie-o3	0:21
Total running time:		0:21

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer moving image file is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The file contains a short clip that shows a naked Asian girl, who appears to be in her mid-teens, engaging in sexual activity with a man. The clip is a record of sexual exploitation. Its purpose is to sexually titillate or arouse adults with a sexual interest in young people. Such material encourages

viewers to see young teenagers as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect vulnerable young people from exploitation.